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SUBJECT: DEN UYL ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

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1. PRIMIN DEN UYL CAME OUT PUBLICLY AGAINST NATIONALIZATION
OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN SYMPOSIUM FEB 12 AT INTER-
UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE IN DELFT. EXPROPRIATION
IN ONE COUNTRY, HE SAID, WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE UNLESS
SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS ACTED SIMULTANEOUSLY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED
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DOUBT THAT WORKER PARTICIPATION IN MANAGEMENT OF MNC'S WOULD
NECESSARILY PREVENT COMPANIES FROM PURSUING THEIR OWN ENDS

RATHER THAN THOSE OF SOCIETY.

2. DEN UYL (A SOCIALIST) MADE IT CLEAR THAT IN HIS VIEW "STRUCTURE OF MNC'S IS UNACCEPTABLE FROM STANDPOINT OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY" AND HE COMPARED THEM TO "ECONOMIC REPUBLICS WHOSE LEADERS HAVE POWER COMPARABLE TO HEADS OF STATE." HE CALLED ON EC TO ESTABLISH BODY TO LAY DOWN CODE OF BEHAVIOR FOR MNC'S, AND TO GET THEIR PENCHANT FOR ANTI-SOCIAL ACTIVITIES (HE CITED ITT IN CHILE) UNDER PUBLIC CONTROL. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NEVER SAID THAT MULTINATIONA OIL COMPANIES HAD BEHAVED BADLY IN RECENT OIL CRISIS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. COMMENT: AT TIME WHEN SEVERAL PROMINENT FIGURES IN SOCIALIST AND OTHER COALITION PARTIES ARE CALLING FOR INVESTIGATION OF MULTINATIONAL OIL COMPANIES BECAUSE OF PRESENT HIGH ENERGY PRICES, PRIMIN'S COMMENTS SEEM DESIGNED TO COOL DOWN EXTREMIST PRESSURES WITHOUT APPEARING TO ABANDON ANTI-MNC STANCE. GOULD

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